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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SANDY GROVE, JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 1949

1. Services were introduced at eleven o'clock Friday morning with prayer by Elder Frank Nordan, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. W. Turner, Heb. 8:5.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the Association met in the house, and praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus.

3. Letters from churches composing this Association were called for, presented, read and contents noted in Statistical Table. Messengers seated.

4. The Association was then organized by choosing Elder T. Floyd Adams Moderator and Elder E. C. Jones, Clerk, who called to his assistance, Bro. D. E. Young.

5. Appointed Brother M. B. Pleasant, Wade Brown and J. C. Langdon Committee on Finance.

6. Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to seats with us, after which Elder N. S. Davis, A. B. Ayers and L. P. Martin were appointed to preach at the stand this evening.

7. Called on messengers from sister Associations to report:

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jerrell and wife and file of minutes.

Black Creek: Elder N. S. Davis, Elder J. L. Williams and Elder W. R. Hines and file of Minutes.

Bear Creek: File of minutes.

Contentnea: M. O. Speight and J. J. Coltrane and file of Minutes.

Kehukee: Elder R. B. Denson, C. L. Robins, A. B. Ayers and wife and file of Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Elder A. L. Holoway, George B. Walker, Lester Williford and others, and file of Minutes.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. H. Freeman and Jack Pullum and file of Minutes.

Mill Branch: W. R. Lee and wife, C. B. Reaves, E. L. Vaught and wife and others and file of minutes.

Staunton River: Elder R. S. Pane, W. J. Oaks and other visitors and file of Minutes.

Salem: B. C. Clinard and file of Minutes.
Seven Mile: Elder L. A. Johnson, N. L. Whittington, B. O. Godwin and others and file of Minutes.
White Oak: Elder R. W. Gurganus and L. L. Yopp and file of Minutes.
From other Associations and Churches as visitors we had the following:
From Smith River: Elder Ben Martin and Brother Leonard Cassell.
From Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King and wife and Brother Charles Carroll and wife.
From Spray Church: Brother Jim Alcorn and wife.

8. Called for Petitionary letter, none.

9. Appointed messengers to sister Associations with file of Minutes as follows:
Abbott's Creek: Elder T. F. Adams, Wade Brown and file of Minutes.
Black Creek: Elder E. C. Jones, Shepherd Langdon, D. E. Young and C. A. Johnson.
Bear Creek: Brother D. E. Young, Elder Frank Nordan, Elder T. F. Adams and Brother Benton Pleasant.
Contentnea: Elder T. F. Adams, Shepherd Langdon and Brother J. W. Watkins.
Kehukee: Elder T. L. Grimes, E. C. Jones, and Brother Wade Brown.
Lower Country Line: Elder T. L. Grimes, Brethren D. E. Young and A. H. Dupree.
Lower Mayo: Minutes.
Mill Branch: Elders F. H. Nordan, Shepherd Langdon, Brother F. R. Denning, Wade Brown and Elder T. L. Grimes.
Salem: Elder T. F. Adams and E. C. Jones.
Seven Mile: Elders Shepherd Langdon, T. F. Adams, Brothers G. M. Stewart, A. H. Dupree, C. C. Johnson.
Staunton River: Elder T. F. Adams and E. C. Jones.
White Oak: Elders T. F. Adams, Shepherd Langdon, E. C. Jones, Brothers M. B. Pleasant and J. C. Langdon.

10. Called on the brethren appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report; the brethren generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

11. Agreed that the Finance Committee take charge of the Minutes we have from sister Associations and prepare them for proper distribution among the churches of this Association.

12. Agreed that the messengers of this church, together with Elder Shepherd Langdon, W. F. Young who were appointed by the Moderator to arrange for preaching during the sitting of the Association.

13. Appointed preachers for tomorrow morning.

14. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at ANGIER CHURCH to begin at eleven o'clock on Friday morning before fourth Sunday in September, 1950, and that Elder T. F. Adams preach the introductory sermon and Elder E. C. Jones be his alternate.

15. Ordered the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and have 1250 copies printed and distribute them as per order hereinafter prescribed, and enter a copy on our Association record, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars (15.00) for his services.

16. Agreed to begin at the stand each day at ten o'clock in the morning.

17. Ordered the Finance Committee to pay the usual expenses of the Association and distribute the balance of the funds left in their hands among our visiting ministers, and furnish our clerk with a final report on the amount received and distributed.

18. Agreed that all irregular trade or traffic be forbidden within legal bounds of the Association during its sitting.

19. On motion the Association agreed to adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock. Benediction by Elder R. B. Denson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opened by praise and prayer by Elder R. B. Denson.

20. Called on Finance Committee to report, and they reported as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand	$ 96.55
Received from churches	311.35
Received from friends during the meeting	9.00
Total Receipts	416.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid clerk for services	$ 15.00
Paid for printing and mailing Minutes	65.00
Gift to Moderator	10.00
Paid incidental expenses by the Church	38.40
Distributed among visiting ministers	288.50
Total Disbursements	**$416.90**
Balance on hand	$000.00

Report received.

21. Agreed that any ministers or messengers from sister Associations reporting to our clerk either day be entered on our Minutes in regular order.

22. Agreed that our Clerk give timely notice of the time and place of holding the Association with all necessary information pertaining thereto.

23. Agreed that any Brother from this Association visiting our Sister Associations of the same faith and order, be considered a messenger from our Association.

24. On motion proceedings were read and adjourned. Benediction by Elder L. A. Johnson.

T. F. ADAMS, Moderator
E. C. JONES ,Clerk
D. E. YOUNG, Asst. Clerk

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

First, we desire to thank God for the manifestation of his Spirit in our midst during this meeting.

Second, we wish to thank the brethren and sisters and friends for their loyal support during the sitting of this Association.

Third, we wish to thank the congregation for their hospitality and generous support of the Association.

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday, 11 a. m.

The Association met and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Frank Nordon, after which Elder L. W. Turner preached the introductory sermon. Heb. 8:5.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder N. S. Davis, Eph. 1st chapter.
Elder A. B. Ayers, "The Lord Shut Him In"
Elder L. P. Martin, Isa. 40:6 to 8
Elder R. W. Gurganus, Rev. 22:1 and 2
Elder L. L. Yopp, no special text
Elder Lester Lee, no special text

Saturday Morning:

Elder A. L. Holloway, Rev. 6-8
Elder R. B. Denson, II Peter 1:1-4
Elder W. E. Jarrel, "I come not to do my own will"

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder L. A. Johnson, "By Grace are Ye Saved"

Elder Ben Martin, St. John 1:1 to 8
Elder Jack Pullum, Rom. 13:1

Sunday Morning:

Elder C. L. Robbins, John 14:1
Elder W. R. Hines, John 1:6-9
Elder W. C. King, II Cor. 12:7, 8, 9
Elder J. E. Mewborne, Rev. 21:6

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. C. Stevens, Heb. 10 to 6
Elder W. H. Freeman, "Jesus the way and the Life"
Elder L. Oakley, "The Rev. and Power of God"
Elder H. G. Cox, "Weighed in the Balances and Found Wanting"
Elder L. G. Minshew, "I am the Vine and ye are the Branches."

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH PASTOR'S NAME ATTACHED

ANGIER—Elder T. F. Adams, pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December. Services at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, 11 a. m. on Sunday.

BETHANY—Elder E. C. Jones, pastor; fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

BETHEL—Elder F. H. Nordan, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

CLEMENT—Elder Shepherd Langdon, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September, and December, 11 a. m. on Saturday and 11 a. m. on Sunday.

CEDAR GROVE—No pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

FELLOWSHIP—Elder Shepherd Langdon, pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

HANNAH'S CREEK—No pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

LITTLE CREEK—Elder T. F. Adams, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September, December. Services 2:30 on Saturday and 11 a. m. Sunday.

MIDDLE CREEK—Elder E. C. Jones, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

MT. GILEAD—No pastor; first Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in March, June, September and December.

MT. ZION—Elder L. W. Turner, pastor; second Sunday and Friday night before in January, April, July and October.

OAK GROVE—Elder Shepherd Langdon, pastor; third Sunday 11:00 a. m., and Saturday 2:30 p. m., before in February, May, August and November.

RALEIGH—Elder W. R. Hines, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November. Services at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday.

SANDY GROVE—Elder Luther Turner, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December, 2:30 p. m. Saturday and 11:00 a. m. Sunday.

UNION—Elder N. S. Davis, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

WILLOW SPRINGS—Elder T. F. Adams, pastor; fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November. Services at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday and 11 a. m. on Sunday.

NAMES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C., Rt. 1.
Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C., Rt. 1.
Elder F. H. Nordan, Benson, N. C., Rt. 2.
Elder Shepherd Langdon, Angier, N. C., Rt. 1.
Elder T. L. Grimes, Wendell, N. C.
Licentiate, Brother W. J. Alford, Pikeville, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek: 15. R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C.
Black Creek: 25. Elder W. E. Turner, 107 W. Lee St., Wilson, N. C.
Bear Creek: 20. Troy A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Contentnea: 20. Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.
Kehukee: 40. Elder R. B. Denson, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Lower Country Line: 20. J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.
Lower Mayo: 20. Elder Zeb Rhodes, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.
Mill Branch: 15. E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C.
Staunton River: 20. W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.
Seven Mile: 10. Graham Jackson, Rt. 1, Godwin, N. C.
Salem: 15. Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Upper Country Line: 20. Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.
White Oak: 20. Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C.
Salisbury: 10.
Delaware: 10
Delaware River: 10.
Pigg River: 20.
Smith River :20.
New River: 15.

CHURCHES, NUMBER OF MINUTES, CLERK'S ADDRESS

Angier: 65. W. F. Young, Angier, N. C.
Bethel: 45. D. E. Young, Angier, N. C.
Bethany: 50. W. H. Woodard, Pine Level, N. C.
Clement: 40. W. A. Langdon, Rt. 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Cedar Grove: 20. J. B. Powell, Rt. 1, Wake Forest, N. C.
Fellowship:60. J. C. Langdon, Rt. 2, Smithfield, N. C.
Hannah's Creek: 80. C. A. Johnson, Rt. 1, Benson, N. C.
Little Creek: 50. J. J. Batten, Smithfield, N. C.
Middle Creek: 40. C. L. Dupree, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.
Mt. Gilead: 15. Miss Hester Stancil, Box 64, Clayton, N. C.
Mt. Zion: 30. W. T. Hodges, Benson, N. C.
Oak Grove: 30. L. M. Jones, Rt. 4, Raleigh, N. C.
Raleigh: 50. B. F. Wilson, Raleigh N. C., Rt. 1.
Sandy Grove: 40. Alex Dupree, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.
Union: 50. M. G. Thompson, Rt. 2, Smithfield, N. C.
Willow Springs: 60. J. C. Adams, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Little Rive Primitive Baptist Association, agreed for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, eternal,

unchangeable, and that this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word ye believe to be a divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testament.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that the election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and up-right, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and up-right state, and being the head representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly or to truly repent of his sins or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the infinite wisdom, power, justice, goodness, mercy and truth, imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again, will persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

9. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only a duty from a principle of love.

10. We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

11. We believe that every church is independent in mat-

ters of discipline, and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the churches' judgment.

12. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and final judgment.

13. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

14. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Little River Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is at peace at the time appointment is made.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed the number of members in full fellowship, the number received by experience of baptism, the number received by letter, the number dismissed by letter,and the number excommunicated, and those who died since the last Association was held.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Little River Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by members composing it. The Moderator to be chosen annually at each Association, the Clerk to continue in office during his pleasure or the pleasure of the Association.

6. New churches may be admitted into the union by a written petition presented by messengers, with letter, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, it may be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall have only three messengers from each church.

8. Every query presented by any messenger in the Asso-

ciation shall be read, and before it shall be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote whether or not it shall be debated; and if a majority votes for debating ,the query shall be debated: otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made by any messenger which received a second shall be considered by the association, unless it be withdrawn by the messenger offering it.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches in the union with Minutes of its proceedings.

11. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Association. and recommend that each church composing it voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper, and send by their messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Clerk, who shall account for the same, and pay it out as directed by the Association.

12. The Clerk shall have a book wherein shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association, as well as a record of the date of each Association, and when Associations are held at different churches in the union, for which he shall receive a yearly compensation.

13. The Association shall provide for the general union of churches and shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same; shall give churches all necessary advice when called upon to do so; shall inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church not represented at each Association; shall appropriate the money contributed by the church for Association fund to any purpose it deems proper; may appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business connected with the Association; shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union, which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of our faith.

14. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

15. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority vote.

16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in other terms or appellation than the title of Brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other members are through speaking, whom he may give his views, after which messengers having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Sun. of meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Yr. Asso last held	Members	Contributions
Angier	G. M. Stewart, Dewey Turner, W. F. Young	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1937	64	$ 28.35
Bethel	D. E. Young, C. L. Clayton, L. A. Godwin	2	--	--	--	--	--	3	1947	38	15.50
Bethany	M. G. and D. F. Peeden, E. F. Oliver	4	--	--	--	--	--	1	1941	39	16.00
Clement	William Keen, W. A. Langdon, H. A. Johnson	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	1940	21	20.00
Fellowship	J. C. and J. R. Langdon, C. B. Stephenson	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	1945	43	29.00
Hannah's Creek	W. W. West, W. H. and C. A. Johnson	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1938	52	23.00
Little Creek	J. J. and J. A. Batten and J. R. Casey	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	1944	35	36.00
Middle Creek	Elder E. C. Jones, B. H. Whitley, C. L. Dupree	2	1	--	--	1	2	1	1943	21	20.50
Mt. Gilead	Miss Hester Stancil	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1907	8	5.00
Mt. Zion	Willis E. Denning, Z. R. Langdon, W. T. Hodges	2	2	--	--	--	1	1	1942	11	9.00
Oak Grove	L. M. Jones	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	----	10	6.00
Raleigh	Elder T. F. Grimes, J. W. Watkins, B. F. Wilson	3	--	1	--	--	--	1	1948	28	20.00
Sandy Grove	M. B. Pleasant, Alex Dupree, S. L. Ogburn	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	1949	25	21.00
Old Union	W. J. Alford, W. H. Woodard, E. P. Thompson	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	1946	28	15.00
Willow Springs	R. H. Holland, E. B. Pearce, J. C. Adams	4	2	1	--	--	--	1	1939	48	47.00
	Totals	-	14	3	1	1	4	11	----	471	311.35